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In re Application of:

Valérie JEANNE-ROSE et al.

Application No.: 09/902,660

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For: USE OF AN ORGANOMETALLIC

COMPOUND TO PROTECT AND/OR STRENGTHEN A KERATIN MATERIAL, AND TREATMENT PROCESS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 15, replace claims 1, 16, 17, 44, 45, and 48 with the following substitute amended claims 1, 16, 17, 44, 45, and 48, and add new claims 50-55 as follows:

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- 1. (Amended) A method of protecting and/or strengthening a keratin material comprising applying to said keratin material a composition comprising at least one organometallic compound obtained from at least one metallic precursor chosen from:
- (a) at least one metal alkoxide chosen from formulae (Ia), (Ib), (Ic), and (Id) below:

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